



acquisition unit. The attribute is not the display signal itself, and is not determined according to the ON/OFF status of the lighting unit. The parameter unit generates a parameter based on at least the acquired image information. Thus, when a picture expressed by the display signal changes the attribute, and consequently, the parameter also change. However the invention is not so limited, and the parameter unit can successively output the same parameter based on differing successive combinations of display signal, and/or attribute, and/or light state.

Amended independent claim 1 recites "a parameter unit operable to generate a parameter based on the image information in combination with a light state of said lighting unit, and operable to output the generated parameter." Independent claim 9 has been similarly amended. In contrast, Someya fails to disclose or suggest generating a parameter based on the image information in combination with a light state of the lighting unit.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Someya does not disclose each and every feature of amended independent claims 1 and 9. Therefore, Someya does not anticipate the invention of claims 1 and 9. Claims 2, 6-8 and 19-20 depend from claim 1. Claims 10 and 14-16 depend from claim 9. Applicants submit that claims 2, 6-8, 10, 14-16 and 19-20 are patentable over Someya for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

#### **Added Claims 21 and 22**

Added claims 21 and 22 depend from claim 1 and 9 respectively. Each further recites the feature that the parameter is based on the image information or the image information in combination with the light state of the lighting unit. Applicants submit that claims 21 and 22 distinguish over the cited references.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Each and every point raised in the Office Action dated September 6, 2006 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is

believed that claims 1-16, 19-22 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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